

WEATHER FORECAST



YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 28.5 | L 17.0

CHITTAGONG H 28.9 | L 18.4

SYLHET H 28.7 | L 17.5

RAJSHAHI H 27.2 | L 15.2

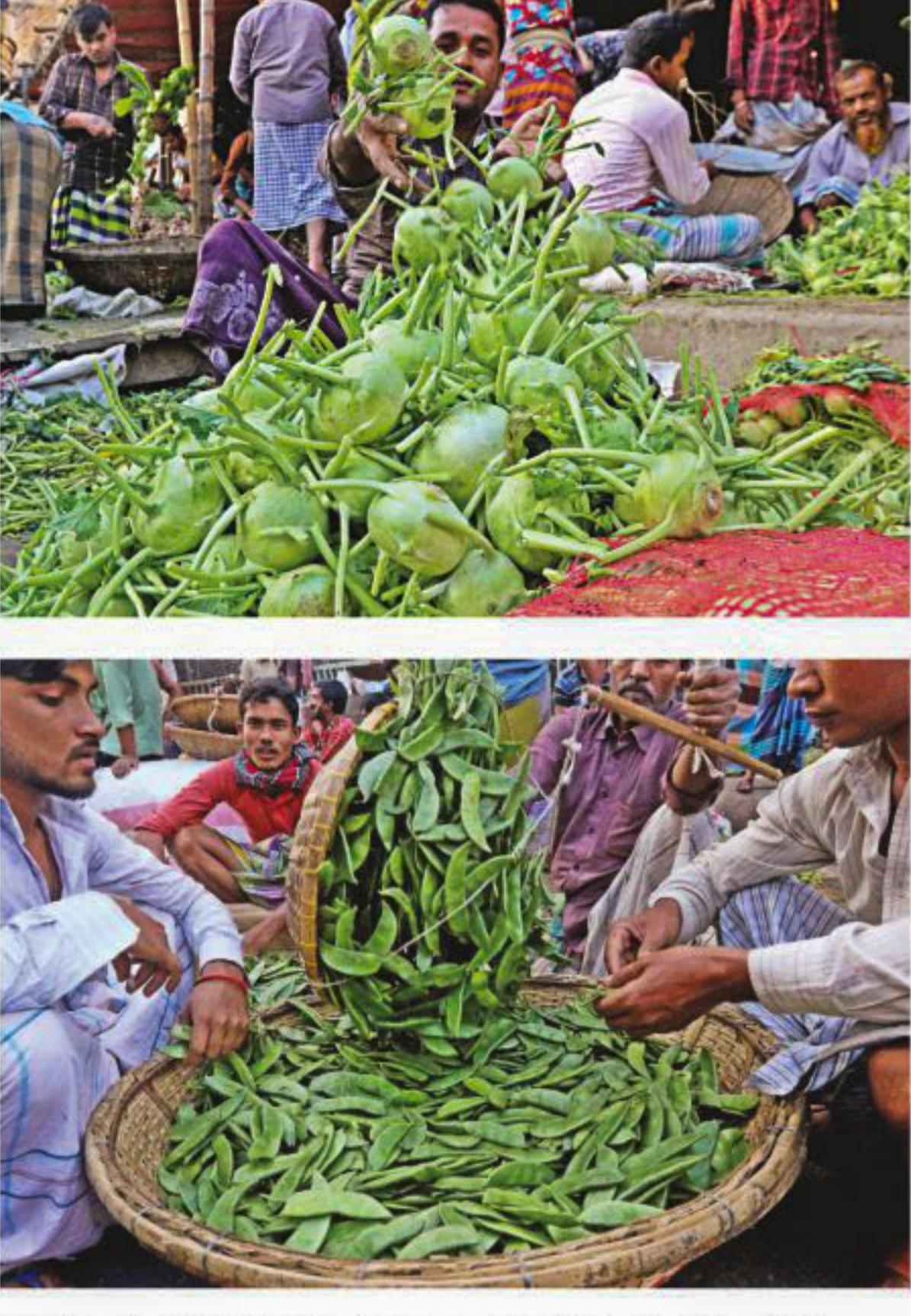
KHULNA H 28.0 | L 15.5

BARISAL H 27.2 | L 14.5

RANGPUR H 29.5 | L 15.0

COX'S BAZAR H 27.3 | L 19.0

SUPPLY APLENTY, PRICE STILL HIGH



As winter sets in, wholesale vegetable markets in the capital are abuzz with workers unloading seasonal vegetables from trucks coming in from across the country and traders of different kitchen markets queuing up to purchase vegetables like cauliflower, cabbage, beans, carrot, radish, gourd, onion leaves for selling them to the city dwellers. According to the wholesalers, higher transportation cost remains one of the major reasons behind the high price of these fresh produce. The photos were taken at Karwan Bazar recently.

PHOTOS: ANISUR RAHMAN

FB provides user info to Bangladesh again
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Facebook for the second time in the year has provided users' information to the Bangladesh authorities.

The social media authorities gave the information of nine users after the Bangladesh government made 10 requests between January and June this year, according to the Government Requests Report released by the site yesterday.

"We respond to valid requests relating to criminal cases. Each and every request we receive is checked for legal sufficiency and we reject or require greater specificity on requests that are overly broad or vague," the report stated.

Earlier, Facebook gave such information to the government after it made 12 requests about 31 users' accounts between July and December last year.

Facebook Inc said government requests for user account data rose 27 percent in the first half of 2016 compared to the second half of last year, with the US law enforcement agencies topping the list.

Government requests for account data globally rose to 59,229 from 46,710 and more than half contained a non-disclosure order that prohibited the social networking website from notifying users.

Requests for content restriction, the number of items restricted for violating local laws, decreased by 83 percent from the second half of 2015, Facebook said in a blog post.

Ex-MP among 75 sued over Ashulia unrest

11 shown arrested

A CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Seventy five people, including former BNP lawmaker from Savar also Dhaka district BNP President Dr Dewan Mohammad Salauddin Babu, were sued on Thursday night for their alleged involvement in the instigation of the workers for creating the recent RMG unrest.

Eleven people, including seven workers' leaders, were shown arrested in the case filed by Sub-inspector Mohidul Islam against 15 named and 60 unnamed people, said Mohsinul Kadir, officer-in-charge of Ashulia Police Station.

The leaders are Garments Shromik Federation's Ashulia branch President Shamim Ahmed, President of Garments Shromik Front Shoumitro Kumar Das, President of Shadin Bangla Garments Kormochari Federation Al Kamran, Textile and Workers Federation General Secretary Shakil Ahmed, its convener Mizanur Rahman, Bangladesh Garments and Shilpo Shromik Federation President Rafiqul Islam Shujon, and Bangladesh Industrial Shromik Federation Secretary Ibrahim.

Other arrestees are Savar upazila Vice-Chairmen and Savar BNP leader Mini Akter Urmee, her brother Isha Mia, BNP leader Dulal Toffazzal Hossen, the OC said.

With the case, a total of six cases were filed over Ashulia labour unrest, said the OC, adding, the other five cases were filed by the authorities of five closed factories accusing over 1,500 workers from Monday to Thursday night.



People under the banner of Garment Sramik Front form a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding immediate release of garment workers' leaders including its organising secretary Shoumitro Kumar Das and withdrawal of cases against them.

4 die as bus hits parked vehicle in Comilla

CITY DESK

Four people were killed as a bus hit a parked pick-up van, carrying them, beside the Dhaka-Chittagong highway in doyapur of Sadar upazila in Comilla yesterday.

The deceased were pick-up van driver Suman Das, 32, of Moulvibazar, his helper Iqbal Hossen, 20, of Habiganj Monsur, 19, of Habiganj, and Aynal Mia, 23, of Habiganj.

The pick-up van was chicken-laden and Monsur and Aynal were chicken traders, said police.

In another accident in the district, Ali Asgar, 19, of Chittagong was killed as a stone-loaded truck ran him over on the Comilla-Sylhet highway at Mainamoti Kachabazar.

In Chapainawabganj Sadar, three-wheeler driver Tofazzol Hossain, 55, was killed and five people were injured as a tractor collided head-on with the vehicle on the Chapainawabganj-Sonamasjid Land Port highway in Moharajpur area.

Tofazzol hailed from Pukuria village in Shibganj upazila.

Muggers stab man, snatch away valuables

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers stabbed a man and snatched away Tk 5,000 and a mobile phone from him in the capital's Kamalapur yesterday.

The incident occurred when the victim, Ramzan Miah, 45, was walking towards Kamalapur Railway Station around 5:00am to catch a train.

Ramzan's son Al Amin said three masked muggers stabbed his father in his hands and left leg and took away his valuables.

Al Amin claimed that his father was going to Kishoreganj to settle a feud over land. "Four years back, we sold off a land for Tk 4 lakh and we are yet to get Tk 2 lakh from the buyer," he said, adding, "We are not sure whether the incident was mugging or something else."

10 young writers honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Literary magazine Kaler Dhoni yesterday honoured 10 rising writers with a view to encouraging other youths to practise and flourish Bangla literature.

They are: Kazi Barnaddho, Kinkar Ahsan, Jabbar Al Nayeem, Niloy Rafique, Shamsul Haque Shams, Sharafat Hossain, Shams Sayed, Shoummya Salek, Mazhar Sarker and Rasel Rayhan. The writers, including poets and novelists, were honoured at a literary discussion, supported by Daily Star Books, the book wing of the English daily, at The Daily Star Centre in the capital.

Eminent columnist Syed Abul Maksud chaired the programme. He said Bangla literature will flourish worldwide, if young writers become more attentive and such literary discussions should be arranged regularly to motivate them.

Gono Bishwabidyalay Professor Monsur Musa, writer Rafiqur Rashid, and Kaler Dhoni Chief Editor Ashik Reza, and its Editor Emran Mahfuz also spoke.

Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere over the country, reports UNB. Night and day temperatures may remain nearly unchanged, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:18pm and rises tomorrow at 6:39am. Country's highest temperature 29.5 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday in Rangpur and Syedpur and lowest 11.4 in Jessor.

SNAPS & snippets

Woman found murdered in house

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

A woman was hacked to death at her home in Masimpur area of Pirojpur town yesterday.

The deceased Asma Begum, 26, of Satkhira came to Pirojpur around seven months back with her husband Rezaul. She used to cook food for some road construction workers, said Masumur Rahman Biswas, officer-in-charge Pirojpur Sadar Police Station.

Yesterday morning, one of the workers found Asma's hacked body when he went to her house for breakfast and informed police. On information, police recovered the body and sent it to Pirojpur Sadar Hospital for an autopsy. Following the incident, Asma's husband went into hiding. Police detained nine workers for interrogation and a murder case was filed.

Law minister undergoes surgery

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Anisul Huq underwent an operation on his appendix at Apollo Hospitals Dhaka on Tuesday.

"Now I am at home. I am improving and hope that I will become fit next year," the minister told The Daily Star yesterday.



Students at the two-day "Study in China Education Fair" organised by Sangen International at The Daily Star Centre yesterday, where delegates from 10 Chinese universities are offering their assistance to Bangladeshi students planning to study in China.

PHOTO: STAR

Woman killed in Dinajpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A woman was smothered with a pillow over a family dispute in her house at Panchbibi upazila of Joypurhat yesterday, said police.

Police arrested Babul Sarkar, husband of the deceased, Tanjila Khatun, daughter of Tamij Uddin of village Matashmanjil. Police said the couple locked into an altercation on Thursday night and the next morning Tanjila was found dead.



Participants at an annual views exchange meeting of Joykoly Publications Ltd at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Confce on envisioning common future

CITY DESK

A two-day international conference on "Envisioning Our Common Future 2016" concluded at Dhaka University on Thursday, said a press release.

Juwel Rana, convener of the conference, inaugurated the event. Prof Dr Md Akhtauzzaman, pro vice-chancellor of the university, was present as the chief guest while Managing Director of Structural Engineering Ltd Abdul Awal chaired the session.



Young poets and novelists, standing behind, with guests at a literary discussion at the capital's The Daily Star Centre yesterday where the upcoming writers were honoured by literary magazine Kaler Dhoni.

PHOTO: STAR

Ctg Collegiate School celebrates 180th anniversary
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Chittagong Collegiate School is celebrating its 180th anniversary through a three-day programme that started on the campus on Ice Factory Road in the port city yesterday.

Various events, including procession, discussion and cultural programme, were held. Chittagong Collegiates, an association of alumni, is organising the festival.

Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus, an alumnus, will inaugurate the ceremony and reunion festival today. He will deliver a speech on "Social Business: International and Bangladesh Perspective" around 11:30am, said organisers.

Besides, a college teacher of Shyamnagar

Jessore bridge remains broken for 8yrs

UNB, Benapole

A concrete bridge over the Harihar River in Manirampur upazila of Jessore has remained unrepairs for over eight years, causing immense sufferings to the villagers of two upazilas.

Around 15-20 thousand people of Manirampur and Keshabpur upazilas have been facing difficulties to cross the river every day. However, they managed to repair a portion of the broken bridge with bamboo and wood at local initiative and now using it for crossing the river amid risks.

Two people died and 50 people got injured while crossing the bridge, locally known as Fakir Bridge, over the last two years.

Recently, Mohammad Ali, 75, a rickshaw-van puller along with his vehicle fell into the river while crossing the bridge. He was taken to the sadar hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

Besides, a college teacher of Shyamnagar

Mujibul-Faisal panel wins Ctg BMA polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Dr Mujibul Huq Khan and Dr Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury panel clinched the victory of full panel in the polls of Chittagong unit of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) held on Thursday.

In the president post, Dr Mujibul bagged 2,119 votes while his rival Dr Nasir Uddin Mahmud got 1,127 votes. Dr Faisal bagged 2,268 votes in the general secretary post and his rival AMIN Minhaz Uddin got 959 votes.

Mujib-Faisal panel won the other 21 executive posts. A total of 3,359 voters among 4,442 cast their votes.

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Anwar Hossain, chairman of Anwar Group of Industries, second from right, receives the "Illustrous Son of Dhaka Award" from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at a hotel on Wednesday.

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