


**YESTERDAY'S
TEMPERATURES**
DHAKA
H 28.0 L 17.3

CHITTAGONG
H 28.6 L 19.4

SYLHET
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H 27.6 L 15.8

RANGPUR
H 28.5 L 14.7

COX'S BAZAR
H 28.0 L 19.0

Drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rangpur, Mymensingh and Sylhet Divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere till 6:00pm today. Moderate to thick fog may occur at places over the river basins and light to moderate fog may occur elsewhere 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 05:19pm and rises tomorrow at 06:39am.



Oblivious to the dangers posed to himself and others through his actions, a pedestrian jumps off a Jersey barrier in the capital's Shanir Akhra near the Mayor Mohammad Hanif Flyover aiming for a gap between speeding vehicles to cross the eight-lane Dhaka-Chittagong highway, all the while a foot bridge being available a stone's throw from the spot. Elderly women and others even with newborns, bottom left, try their luck using the gaps between the barriers. The photos were taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

No end to bloodspill, 14 lives lost in road accidents

CITY DESK

Fourteen people were killed and 19 others injured in road accidents in six districts yesterday and on Friday.

In Chittagong city, a nine-year-old girl was killed as a bus ran her over while she was crossing the road with her mother near Kotwali Police Station yesterday.

The deceased was Kamrunnahar, daughter of Osman Gani of Kamaphuli area. Police seized the bus and detained the driver.

In Munshiganj, two people were killed and 10 others injured as two buses collided head-on on Dhaka-Mawa highway in Keyatkhali area of Sreepur upazila yesterday.

The identity of the deceased, two male passengers, could not be known immediately, said Officer-in-charge of Hasara police outpost Golam Morshed Talukder.

In Satkhira, two people including a seven-year-old girl were killed and two others injured as a truck collided head-on with an engine-run van carrying them on Satkhira-Khulna highway in Mirzapur Swashan Ghat area yesterday.

The deceased were Israfil Sheikh, 28, and Jui, 7, daughter of Zillur Rahman. Both hailed from Murakulia village under Tala upazila in the district.

In Gaibandha, two people were killed and two others sustained injuries, as a car fell into a ditch beside Gobindaganj-Ghoraghat road after the driver lost his control over the vehicle in Gobindaganj upazila yesterday.

The deceased were Abdur Rahman, 36, of Hasanpara village and Ahsan Habib, 35, of Dinajpur. The injured were sent to Gobindaganj Health Complex.

In Kishoreganj, a headmaster was killed as a microbus ran him over when he got down from a bus in the town yesterday.

The deceased was Jafor Sadek, 48, headmaster of Mondolsen High School in Muktagacha upazila of Mymensingh.

Police said Sadek along with some other headmasters was returning home after a tour in Cox's Bazar.

The incident occurred when Sadek got down from the bus to respond to a nature's call at a petrol pump in the town. He died on the spot.

In Mymensingh, a battery-run auto-rickshaw driver was killed when a bus rammed his vehicle on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Hazir Bazar area of Bhaluka upazila on Friday afternoon.

The deceased was Abdus Sobhan, 35, of Gadumia village in the upazila. Sobhan died on the spot, police said.

In Jamalpur, a school boy was killed and five people were injured in a head-on collision between two motorcycles in Boyra Ekusher Morh area of Sharishabari upazila yesterday.

The deceased was Milon Mia, 16, son of Abdul Aziz of Bhabanipur village. He was a 10th grader of Boyra Israil Ahmed High School. Of the injured one is undergoing treatment at JFCL Clinic while others were taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, three of a family died when a car went off road and ploughed through a footpath at Raypur of Daudkandi on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday afternoon, reports a Comilla correspondent.

The deceased are Selina Akter, 28, wife of Mafiz Mia, Junayed, 4, her son, and Nasrin Akter, 35, elder sister of Selina, of Daudkandi.



A nun puts up decorations on an evergreen conifer in Holy Rosary Church in the capital's Tejgaon on Christmas Eve yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

No headway in journo Utso murder probe

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur

Journalists yesterday formed a human chain before Rangpur Press Club demanding justice for Moshirur Rahman Utso, a staff reporter of local daily Juger Alo, who was found dead on December 24 last year.

Utso, left his workplace on GL road in Rangpur City on December 23 night for attending a wedding ceremony and the next morning locals found his body tied up with a eucalyptus tree near Rice Research Institute, according to police and his colleagues. But police neither could arrest any killer nor could recover his camera and motorbike, said the demonstrators. The victim's family alleged that police remained reluctant to inform about the case progress.

About the allegations, Rangpur Sadar police station said they have recovered Utso's missing cellphone and detained 10 persons who did not confess to the crime.



Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus addresses the 180th anniversary of Chittagong Collegiate School and College in the port city yesterday. He was a student of the school.

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