

## WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

DHAKA H 26.5 L 17.5

CHITTAGONG H 28.0 L 18.0

SYLHET H 26.0 L 17.3

RAJSHAHI H 26.3 L 13.1

KHULNA H 27.5 L 17.2

BARISAL H 27.6 L 16.9

RANGPUR H 25.0 L 13.4

COX'S BAZAR H 28.2 L 18.0

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## Mufti Izharul freed from jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

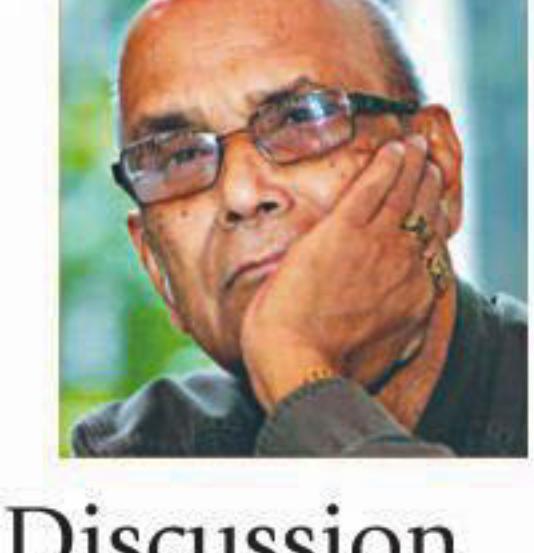
After one and a half years past his arrest, Hefajat-e-Islam Nayeb-e-Ameer and Chairman of a faction of Islami Oikya Jote Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury was released from jail yesterday after getting bail from the High Court.

The Hefajat leader is accused in four cases filed against him. He secured bail in three cases -- one was filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission -- from the court earlier.

Finally he got bail in the fourth, an explosive case, from the High court, confirmed Senior Jail Superintendent Iqbal Kabir Chowdhury.

On October 7, 2013, a big explosion took place at a student dormitory of Al Jamiatul Ulum Al Islamia Madrasa in the city's Lalkhan Bazar. Three people were killed in the explosion.

Mufti Izharul and his son Muti Harun Izhar are the prime accused in the cases. On August 7, 2015, raiding his madrasa, police arrested Izharul.



## Discussion on Shamsul Haque today

STAR REPORT

Marking the birth anniversary of late litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque, a discussion will be held at The Daily Star Centre in the capital at 4:00pm today under the aegis of the Daily Star Books.

Syed Manzoorul Islam will chair the programme where Selina Hossain, Abul Hasnat, Anwara Syed Haque, Golam Quddus, Muhammad Samad, Mohit Kamal, Sazzad Sharif, Hamim Kamrul Haque and Ditiyo Syed Haq will spoke.

Born on December 27, 1935 in Kurigram, Syed Shamsul Haque, a prominent poet, writer and playwright of Bangla literature, died in Dhaka on September 27 this year.



Fishmongers occupy a footpath on Satmasjid Road in the capital yesterday to carry out their trade, forcing pedestrian onto the street and path of oncoming vehicles.

PHOTO: STAR

## CITY

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PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

The upper part of a palm tree being skinned for the easy secretion of date juice, something people around the country await in winter and savour and which is the basis for the preparation of traditional delicacies. The photo was taken near Chashara of Narayanganj on Monday.

## RMCH patients suffer for interns' strike

The medical graduates also lock emergency department for half an hour over clash with attendants

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The interns at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) kept the emergency department gate locked for half an hour yesterday as they went on an indefinite strike the day before demanding workplace security.

They, however, postponed the strike around an hour after a meeting around 9:00pm with the hospital authorities who assured them of looking into their demand, said Rayhan Sharif, president of the hospital's Intern Doctors Association.

Earlier in the day, abstaining from work, the interns had also brought out a procession in the city and formed a human chain before the hospital, causing sufferings to the patients, hospital sources said.

Tandra Islam admitted her husband Sheikh Lal Muhammad to the hospital with pain in the abdomen on Monday. "Doctors did not visit him today (yesterday). We are following Monday's prescription," she said.

She added many attendants are following advice of the nurses. "Senior doctors were not seen for regular visit."

Seeing the unrest, several patients who went to the hospital for treatment, left the scene, said witnesses.

The work stoppage started at 10:00pm on Monday after Abu Noim Porag, an intern, and the attendants of a patient, clashed, said Rayhan Sharif.

Earlier at 6:00pm, two of the relatives of the patient attacked Porag bringing allegations of negligence in his duty, said witnesses and police.

Porag, however, denied the allegations.



Rajshahi Medical College Hospital interns bring out a procession yesterday demanding workplace security.

The hospital authorities filed a case in connection with the attack accusing the two relatives and police arrested one of them yesterday, said Rajpara Police Station Officer-in-Charge Amanullah Aman.

Criticising the "mismanagement" at the hospital, Rayhan said they have been complaining about workplace insecurity for quite a long time, but to no avail.

"We will continue our movement until the authorities come up with effective steps," he said before the postponement.

At that time, RMCH Director Brig Gen Rafiqul Islam said they took adequate measures to ensure security. Even though, some incidents are occurring, he added. "We increased the security personnel both in and outside the campus."

## Missing youth's slit-throat body found

A CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Police recovered the slit-throat body of a youth at Char Syedpur in Narayanganj Sadar yesterday, five days after he went missing.

The body was recovered from the office of a transport business owned by Daulat Member.

The deceased Jasimuddin Chowdhury, 35, of Gopnagar area in Sadar upazila was an employee of Metro Cement Co in Muktarpur area of Munshiganj.

Family members of Jasim yesterday recovered his cellphone from a speech-impaired employee of Daulat's office, said Sub-Inspector of Narayanganj Model Police Station Ibrahim Sheikh.

On information from the employee, police recovered the body of Jasim from a room on the first floor of Daulat's business firm Samrat Transport.

Agitated locals set fire to the house of Daulat and ransacked seven to eight vehicles. Police charged baton to bring the situation under control.

## SNAPS &amp; snippets

## MA Hashem resigns from politics

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MA Hashem, former lawmaker of BNP and also chairman of Partex Group, has resigned from politics saying that political activities were hindering his social activities.

Hashem, who joined the party before the 2001 national polls and was elected a lawmaker from Noakhali, in a letter on Monday to BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, said he has "realised" politics is not the only way "to serve the country and its people."

"So, I decided that I will not get involved in politics. In such a situation, I resigned from the BNP's primary membership post."

## Nasir president of Uttara Club

CITY DESK



Nasir U Mahmood (M-86), a businessman and social worker, has been elected president for the third terms consecutively in the Uttara Club Ltd election of 2016-2017, said a press release yesterday.

Members of the executive committee are Enamul Haque, Iftekhar Mahmud, Aftab Uddin Ahmed, Nazma Akter, Arshad Murshed Hossain Pipli, Sharif Ahmed Tutul, Noor Mohammad Dicon, KM Khayrul Basher, ATKM Azmal and Mohammad Masudul Alam Bappy.

## Delhi mission launches publication

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi Syed Muazzem Ali yesterday unveiled a coffee table book (CTB) at the conference room of the chancery to mark the Victory Day-2016.

The 98-page publication contains write-ups on Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the history of Liberation War, 1971, Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, 10 special initiatives launched by the prime minister and Bangladesh's enviable achievements in women empowerment, social security and international cricket. It also has articles on Bangladesh's heritage and culture, investment opportunities for foreign companies and tourism attractions among others.



Copies of a coffee table book unveiled by Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi Syed Muazzem Ali yesterday at the chancery's conference room.

## Joypurhat raped girl still

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arrested soon, said Anowar Hossain, a co-villager.

The victim's family and the villagers expressed their concern as the law enforcers are yet to trace the rapists.

Officer-in-Charge Nuruzzaman Chowdhury said they are trying their best to do so. Meanwhile, Md Afzal Hossain, an accused in a case filed for raping a 5-year-old girl of Parbatipur upazila, was not arrested till yesterday even after three months of the incident. The 5-year-old went missing on October 18. Later, villagers found her unconscious on field near her home next day. She is also now being treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Saiful Islam another accused in the case was arrested, said police.

## 42 buildings being built for chief judicial magistrates' courts: Anisul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has undertaken a project for constructing 42 buildings for chief judicial magistrates' courts across the country at a cost of Tk 2,388 crore as part of developing the quality of judiciary, said Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday.

The project is being implemented quickly as 12 buildings have already been built for resolving accommodation crisis and six of them have been inaugurated, he said, adding that construction of the remaining court buildings will be finished by June 2018.

A 12-storey building will be constructed for Comilla's chief judicial magistrate's court, said the law minister while holding a meeting with leaders of Comilla Bar Association at his secretariat office.

He assured the leaders that the seven-storey building of their bar association will be extended by two more floors and financial assistance will be given for purchasing relevant books.

The law minister also said his ministry has taken steps for providing training to 540 lower court judges at Western Sidney University in Australia from February next year to June 2019 at a cost of Tk 40 crore for developing their skill and knowledge.

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