

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES	DHAKA	CHITTAGONG	SYLHET	RAJSHAHI	KHULNA	BARISAL	RANGPUR	COX'S BAZAR
	H 26.8 L 15.6	H 28.0 L 16.6	H 28.7 L 16.4	H 25.5 L 13.2	H 27.0 L 14.8	H 26.8 L 13.5	H 26.0 L 14.6	H 29.3 L 18.0

Light rain or drizzle is likely to occur at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Sylhet divisions and weather may remain mainly dry with temporary partly cloudy sky elsewhere over the country in next 24 hours till 6.00pm today, reports UNB. Moderate to thick fog may occur over the country during midnight till morning, Met Office said. Night and day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country. The sun sets in the capital today at 5:23pm and rises tomorrow at 6:42am.

Justice Bazlur Rahman dies
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman, a judge of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, died of cancer at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University yesterday. He was 61. He left behind his wife and two sons, said Attorney General Mahbubey Alam. President Abdul Hamid and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina mourned the death, reports UNB. Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha, Law Minister Anisul Huq, SC judges and the attorney general also condoled the death. SC's Registrar General Syed Aminul Islam said Justice Bazlur Rahman will be taken to the SC for his namaz-e-janaza at 10:30am today. Justice Mohammad Bazlur Rahman was elevated to the Appellate Division on February 8 last year. He was born on Apr 12, 1955 at Puratan Bazar of Chapainawabganj.



The puller of an illegal battery-run rickshaw engrossed in his cellphone yesterday, that too defying a bar on plying of such vehicles on the busy Dhaka-Aricha highway, oblivious that an unmindful twist of the throttle could put him and others in grave danger. The photo was taken at Amin Bazar in Savar yesterday. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

SNAPS & snippets

Kalim president, Shuklal general secretary of Ctg Press Club
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Kalim Sarwar of Dainik Purbokone and Shuklal Das of Dainik Azadi were elected as the president and general secretary respectively of Chittagong Press Club (CPC) at the biennial election Saturday. The other office bearers include Kazi Abul Mansur, senior vice-president; Manjur Quader Manju, vice-president; Chowdhury Farid, joint secretary; and Deb Dulal Bhowmik, treasurer.

New envoy Sharif meets president
UNB, Dhaka

Newly appointed High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Nigeria Maj Gen Kazi Sharif Kaikobad met President Abdul Hamid at Bangabhaban yesterday. Abdul Hamid said Nigeria is a market of about 18 crore people. Various Bangladeshi products, including medicines, readymade garments and leather, are potential exports. The president asked the envoy to take steps to utilise the potentials and take effective steps to exchange high level visits both in government and private sectors, President's Press Secretary Jyonal Abedin briefed reporters after the meeting.

Five 'Huji men' remanded again
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed five alleged members of banned Islamist militant outfit Harkatul Jihad al Islami, Bangladesh (Huji-B), who were arrested with arms and ammunitions in Chittagong on December 8 on three-day remand each. Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members yesterday produced Tajul Islam, Nazim Uddin, Abu Jar Gifari, Nure Alam and Iftisham Ahmed Sami in three cases. On December 12, the court granted three-day remand for them when the Huji men claimed before the court that plainclothes people introducing themselves as law enforcers picked them up in different times in last year, said court sources.

Woman, her 2 kids die in bus plunge
Two others also killed in road crashes

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore
A woman and her two children were killed as a bus ran into a roadside ditch due to foggy weather in Natore's Singra upazila yesterday. Sultana Begum, 35, along with daughter Sultana Tabassum Oyshee, 9, and son Nazmus Sakib, 6, was returning home after vacationing at her father's house in Bogra. Police said the driver could not see the narrow road clearly due to fog and drove the bus into the ditch, around 8:30am. The bus supervisor, Asit Kumar, 40, from Rajbari, was also killed in the accident. The five injured persons were hospitalised. Meanwhile, a Brac employee died on the spot after her motorcycle was rammed by a speeding truck in Dinajpur's Bhochaganj upazila yesterday. Shahida Khatun, 32, was the wife of Shahidul Islam, a resident of the upazila's Atgaon village.

Boy killed in knife attack by marauding friend
Another hurt while they tried to stop a clash

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A teenager killed one of his friends and injured another in a knife attack at Geneva Camp in the capital's Mohammadpur early yesterday. The suspected killer, Shomsher, attacked the two friends when the latter tried to stop a clash between him and another teenager, according to witnesses. The deceased was identified as Md Asif, 17, a worker at an automobile shop. The injured, Md Sajib, was hospitalised with stab injuries in the right thigh. Md Arman, brother of the deceased, alleged that Shomsher clashed with Rubel, his colleague at the workshop, over sharing money the two obtained by stealing and selling car parts. The clash started around 12:45am. The deceased's brother-in-law Md Sultan, who witnessed the incident, said that after being stopped by the two friends, Shomsher left the spot and came back with a knife. But in the meantime, Rubel fled, and an angry Shomsher then attacked his two friends Asif and Sajib, he added. A team of Mohammadpur police recovered the body and sent it to Dhaka Medical College (DMC) for autopsy. DMC morgue sources said there were five stab injuries in the body, three of them in the chest. Jamaluddin Meer, officer-in-charge of Mohammadpur Police Station, said both Shomsher and Rubel were on the run. Police will learn the real incident once they are arrested, he told The Daily Star.



Firefighters dousing a fire on a tree adjoining the boundary of the High Court in the capital yesterday. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. PHOTO: PRABIR DAS

Two geckos seized in Sunamganj
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

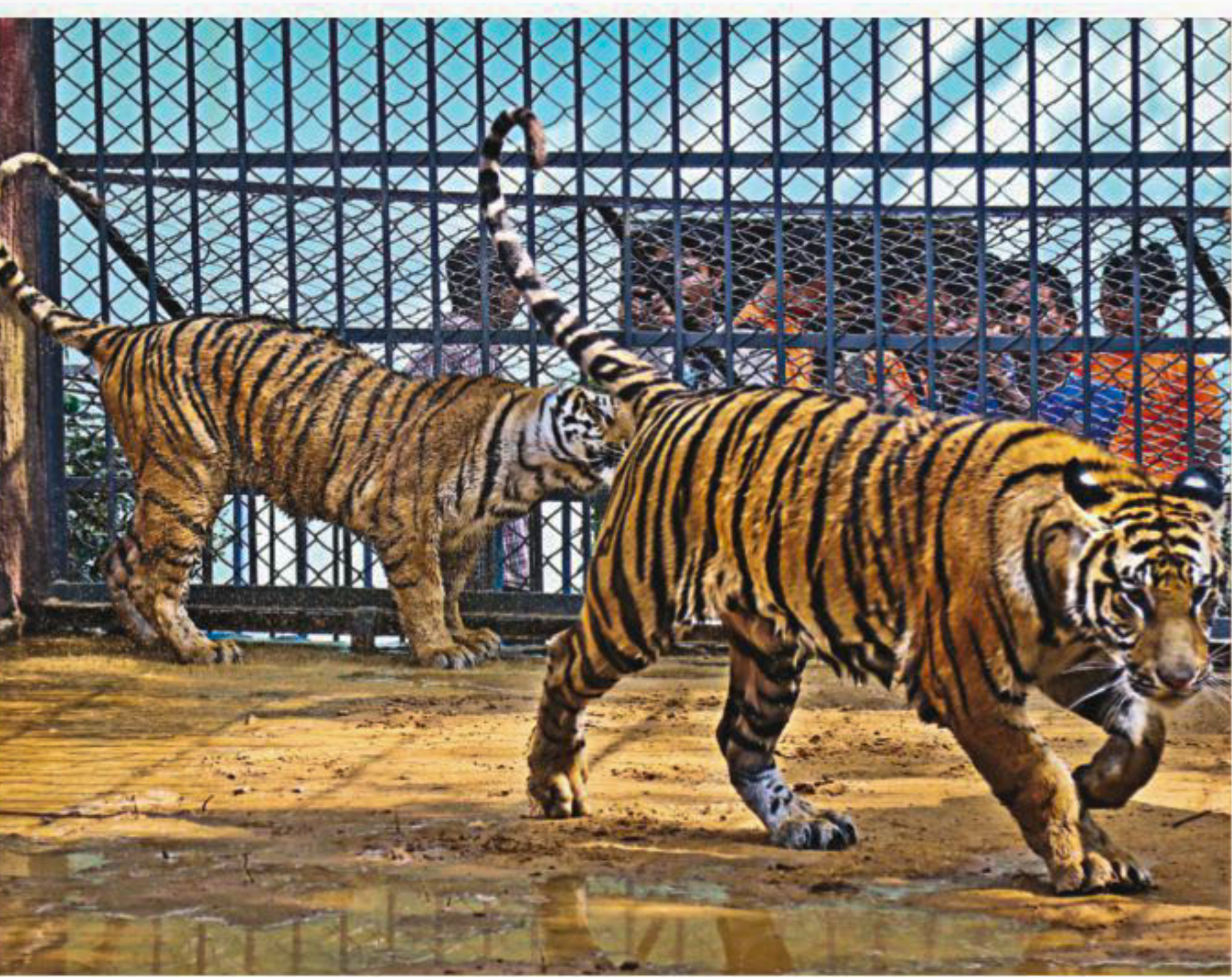
Border Guard Bangladesh-BGB seized two tokay geckos, smuggled from India, worth around Tk 5 crore during separate drives at Machhimpur and Banstala borders in Sunamganj yesterday. The geckos, which are prohibited to catch and sell in order save the rare species, were handed over to forest division, said BGB officials, adding that the smugglers managed to flee.



Traffic congestion was suffocating in the capital yesterday, the first day of the new year, apparently triggered by the 31st founding anniversary programme of Jatiya Party organised in Suhrawardy Udyan. The photo was taken at Kakrail. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

SAGAR-RUNI MURDER
Court asks Rab again to submit probe report

COURT CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday again ordered the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) to submit by February 8 the probe report of journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case. Metropolitan Magistrate Waez Kuruni Khan Chowdhury passed the order after Assistant Superintendent of Police Wares Ali Miah of Rab, also investigation officer of the case, failed to submit the report before it yesterday. Earlier, different courts expressed dissatisfaction over the investigation process and the failure of the concerned bodies to unearth the real clue of the murder and arrest the real culprits. Sagar Sarowar, news editor of private TV station Maasranga, and his wife Meherun Runi, senior reporter of ATN Bangla, were killed at their rented flat in the capital on February 11, 2012. Their only son Mahir Sarowar Megh, then 5, was staying home at that time. On the next day of the murder, Nawsher Alam Roman, younger brother of Runi, filed a murder case with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Police Station without accusing anyone in particular. After investigation by Sher-e-Bangla Nagar police and detectives, the Rapid Action Battalion started a further probe on April 18, 2012. At least eight people including Rafiqul Islam, Bakul Miah, Masum Mintu, Kamrul Hasan alias Arun, Abu Sayeed, two security guards of the couple's house Palash Rudra Paul and Enamul Hoque, and the couple's "family friend" Tanveer Rahman had been arrested in this regard. Later on, Tanveer got freed on bail.



Visitors at Chittagong Zoo were in for a surprise on the first day of the new year yesterday as the Bengal tiger enclosure reopened after over four years with two new exhibits. Costing Tk 33 lakh, the 11-month-old male and nine-month-old female were brought from South Africa on December 9 and kept in quarantine for "special care and observation" and to "help them adapt". Of the previous two brought from Dhaka Zoo in 2003, Chandra died in 2006 and Purnima in 2012. PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Raushan hopes for withdrawal

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more disappointed than party leaders over the cases since it was her husband. "Whenever I raised the issue with the honourable prime minister, she told me that she would take measures," said Raushan. Yesterday she said, "This time we need to take the party (JP) to power, this time we will not let JP be used by others as stairs to reach power." In his speech, Ershad talked over the attacks on minority communities in the country. "Why are areas populated by minority people deprived?...why the land and houses of Hindu people are grabbed?" he asked, adding that if JP was voted to power, it would ensure higher studies, employment for minority communities and their representation in parliament. He again expressed his desire for JP to take part in the next polls independently as it had a significant effect when it participated in the polls under any alliance. He urged the party's leaders to work together as there was a possibility of the party winning in the next polls and forming the government. "Participating in the next national elections may be the last election of my life," the former military ruler said. He claimed that he did not grab state power in 1982 and that it was imposed upon him. If his party is voted to power, Ershad vowed to realise 14 goals, including changing the election system, establishing regional governments and starting full-fledged upazila systems. JP Co-chairman GM Quader, Secretary General Ruhul Amin Hawlader, Premium Member Anisul Islam Mahmud and Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu also spoke.

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